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Finance Committee Minutes 04/18/05

ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE
 MINUTES OF MEETING
 7:30 PM O'NEILL ROOM COMMUNITY SAFETY BUILDING
 4/18/05

ATTENDEES:

McGaffigan*	Fey*	Dunn	O'Neill*	Mahoney*
DeCoursey*	Connors	Simmons*		
Tosti*	Foskett*	Deyst	Ronan*	
Piandes	Franclemont	Jones*	Olsen*	
DuBois*	Howard*	Fanning*		Kneeland

* Indicates present

VISITORS: Paul Bayer

MINUTES of 4/6 approved as corrected. Unanimous.

NO OVERRIDE BUDGETS: Tosti provided responses from Manager, Clerk, Treasurer, and School Committee to the FinCom request for cuts required to balance the budget if the override fails. No response received from Assessors or from BOS. Alan Jones provided revised O'Neill Formula estimates along w/ a summary of the cuts listed against each budget. Tosti plans to list 2 budgets for FY06, one w/ & one w/o the override. The detail for the w/o budget will be as complete as the information from the appointing authorities permits. The FinCom discussed each budget in turn.

MANAGER: The FinCom has no way of knowing how realistic the enhanced revenues are which the Manager listed to cover 25% of his cuts. The FinCom believes the Community Safety cuts are meaningless unless the minimum manning rule is changed. VOTED to reduce the Community Safety cut to only the Fire Capt. Unanimous. The Chair to discuss these objections w/ the Manager & invite him to meet w/ the FinCom on Sat AM.

CLERK: The letter from the Clerk is somewhat unclear. It seems that she cannot cut the allotted amount and still carry out her legally required responsibilities. The FinCom believes this in true. VOTED to reduce the Clerk & Registrar budgets by \$12007 as recommended. Unanimous.

ASSESSORS: In the absence of any input VOTED to reduce the bottom line by \$12741. Unanimous.

BOS & COMPTROLLER: In the absence of any specific input, VOTED to reduce these budget by \$44500 to be split between departments proportionately. Unanimous.

FINCOM: VOTED to reduce salary by \$100 (two volunteers) and to reduce expenses by \$300.

EDUCATION: VOTED to reduce this budget by \$2628237 as recommended by the Superintendent. Unanimous.

RESERVE FUND BALANCE: \$257,500

COMMITTEE: Next mtg Sat 4/16 9:00 Jefferson Cutter House.

Peter B Howard Secretary 4/19/05

cc Selectmen, FinCom Members, Town Manager, Library File, Town Web Site FinCom Web Site

Budget & Article Summary

Bud #	Date presented	Date voted	\$	Vote	ART#	Date presented	Date voted	\$	Vote

1	2/14	2/14	10443	Unanimous	31	3/30	3/30	No action	Unanimous
2	3/16	3/16	289578	10-0-2	32	4/4	4/4	No action	Unanimous
3	2/14	2/14	362708	Unanimous	36	2/14	2/23	No report	
4	3/16	3/16	159983	Unanimous	38	3/21	4/6	No action	Unanimous
5	3/9	3/9	837401	Unanimous	39	3/21	4/6	No action	14-1
6	3/16	3/16	589640	Unanimous	40	3/23	4/6	No action	Unanimous
7	3/16	3/16	143595	Unanimous	41	3/23	4/6	No action	10-4
8	3/14	3/14	288444	Unanimous	43	3/23	3/23	2573834	Unanimous
9	2/9	2/9	771095	Unanimous	44	3/2	3/2	12067	Unanimous
10	2/14	2/14,2/23	212448	Unanimous	45	4/6	4/6	12240	Unanimous
11	2/14	2/14	58287	Unanimous	46	3/2	3/2	113000	Unanimous
12	3/16	3/16	87097	Unanimous	47	4/4	4/4	7675425	Unanimous
13	2/13,3/2,3/16	3/16	186947	Unanimous	48	4/4	4/4	No action	Unanimous
13b	3/28	3/28	20224	Unanimous	49	3/2	3/2	750000	Unanimous
14	2/23	2/23	407851	12-0-1	50	3/2	3/2	100000	Unanimous
15	2/14	2/14	22922	Unanimous	51	3/30	3/30	Favorable act	Unanimous
16	3/14	3/14,3/21	6301807	Unanimous	52	3/2,4/6	4/6	Favorable act	Unanimous
17a	3/16	3/16	337747	Unanimous	53	3/9	3/9	100	Unanimous
17b	3/16	3/16	5098334	Unanimous	54	3/2,3/9	3/9,4/6	Transfer 67000	Unanimous
17c	3/28	4/6	4891763	13-1	55	2/14	2/23	Rollover 17000	Unanimous
17d	4/6	4/6	671020	Unanimous	56	3/30	3/30	No action	Unanimous
17e	3/16	3/16	250000	Unanimous	57	2/14	2/23	20000	Unanimous
18a	3/16	3/16	329713	Unanimous	58	2/14,2/23	4/6	No action	16-1
19	3/21	3/21	34280902	16-0-1	61	3/30	3/30	211572	Unanimous
20	3/7	3/7	1713262	Unanimous	62	3/30	3/30	400000	Unanimous
21a	3/7	3/7	126013	Unanimous	63	3/30	4/6	Transfer 181000	Unanimous
21b	3/7	3/7	163288	Unanimous	64	3/30	3/30	400000	Unanimous
21c	3/7	3/7	220859	12-0-1	65	4/6		No action	
21d	3/9,3/14,3/16	3/16	130495	Unanimous	66	3/30	3/30	1614155	Unanimous
22/23	2/9	2/9	6345069	Unanimous					
24	3/14	3/14	12259672	Unanimous	68	3/23,3/30	3/30	1500000	Unanimous
25	2/23	2/23	300000	Unanimous					
WS	4/6	4/6	(94626)	Unanimous					
Rec	4/6	4/6	(5171)	Unanimous					
Rink	4/6	4/6	(11473)	Unanimous					
COA	3/21								
YS	3/21	3/21	198241	Unanimous					